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THE SUBJECT OF A COUNTY FAIR, AGAIN

The Lancaster News must not forget its former agitation for a county fair, nor let the time slip to renew the agitation. Something like that is needed both to stimulate a pride and interest in the development of the county's resources and to bring our people in close touch and relationship with each other. At present we have nothing to bring the people of the different sections of the county together at any time. A fair would have the effect of gathering them together at least once a year.—Kershaw Era.

We have by no means forgotten the matter, esteemed contemporary. The subject of a county fair often recurs to our mind, but our "former agitation" met with such little encouragement that we have not yet mustered up sufficient courage to renew the discussion. Why Lancaster's leading citizens—business and professional men and farmers—do not take the matter in hand is really inexplicable to us. The many advantages of a county fair to all interests—agricultural, commercial, financial, social and others—are so manifest, and have been so frequently and successfully demonstrated by the experience of other counties, that our people, it occurs to us, ought no longer to delay taking steps to have an annual fair in Lancaster. But who is going to take the lead? That's the question.

SENATOR BAILEY'S GREAT SPEECH.

One of the ablest speeches made in Congress in years was delivered in the Senate Tuesday by Senator Bailey, of Texas, on the railroad rate bill. Notwithstanding the fact that he spoke for four hours the brilliant Texan held the undivided attention of his auditors throughout. The Senate chamber was literally packed, not even a seat in the galleries being vacant, so great was the public interest in what Mr. Bailey had to say on the most important measure now

before Congress, the bill to regulate railroads.

Mr. Bailey showed conclusively that Congress is vested with ample power to prevent federal courts from enjoining the enforcement of rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission pending appeals from the latter's orders fixing such rates. He cited numerous authorities to sustain his contention. So convincing was Senator Bailey's argument that Senator Hale arose and announced his willingness to accept the Texas statesman's amendment denying the courts the right to suspend rates while awaiting final decision of the issues involved in cases arising under the proposed law.

While disclaiming any intention of attacking the courts, Senator Bailey declared that he had personal knowledge of the fact that some judges were guilty of abuses, and he therefore favored placing limitations upon all of them. Discussing the power of Congress to abridge or limit the rights of the courts, he paid the following compliment to Senator Tillman, who has charge of the bill under consideration:

"The power to create and the power to destroy must include the power to limit. The Senator from South Carolina has been pressing this point as a cornfield lawyer, and the constitutional lawyers have never yet been able to satisfactorily answer his contention."

"The Congress," Senator Bailey declared, "has not only asserted its right to deny to the courts the right to issue writs of injunction, but it has asserted its right to deny to them the privilege of issuing the great writ of liberty, the writ of habeas corpus." Again he said: "It is the duty of the Federal Courts, not to make the law for Congress, but to obey the law that Congress makes for them."

It is thought that Senator Bailey's masterly speech will have the effect of hastening the vote on the rate bill.

COTTON ACREAGE AND DIVERSIFICATION IN FARMING.

The last issue of the Manufacturers' Record, of Baltimore, contains replies from several hundred bankers and business men in the cotton states to the following four questions addressed to them by that journal:

1. How will the acreage in cotton in your vicinity compare with that of last year?

2. Will the success of the year's campaign in diversification and in co-operation of the banks and the growers be duplicated this year, with increased support from the growers and greater encouragement by the banks?

3. In what direction is diversification in farming as a natural regulator of the cotton acreage progressing?

4. What is the general financial condition of the farmers in your vicinity, and in what direction are they investigating what ever surplus they may have?

The Record gives a brief summary of the replies as follows:

The replies indicate a tendency toward a slight increase for the cotton belt as a whole, an increase, however, not overcoming the decrease in 1905 from

the acreage of 1904, and a tendency to be restrained by certain natural factors. The replies show steady advance in diversification of crops, a firmer purpose than ever on the part of bankers and farmers to stand together for the common good and a greater degree of comfort among the growers.

Among the numerous replies published is the following from Lancaster, by Mr. L. C. Lazenby, secretary of the Lancaster Mercantile company:

As to acreage, it is rather hard to tell at this stage just what it will be. Certainly it will be no larger than last year. Our impression is that it will be slightly decreased on account of scarcity of labor and the lateness of the season. We think the campaign in diversification and in co-operation of the banks and growers will be duplicated this year, with greatly increased support from the growers and greater encouragement by the banks. We think the farmers are learning more and more each year that the proper thing for them to do is to raise their supplies at home and thus put themselves in a more independent position. We think the general financial condition of the farmers is better than it has been for some time. They are using their surplus in paying cash for their supplies for this year and investing in real estate.

THE COTTON WAREHOUSE MOVEMENT.

As will be seen by the advertising columns of The News, books of subscription to the capital stock of the Lancaster Cotton Warehouse Association are now open at the office of W. C. Hough, Esq. It will be recalled that, at its meeting some time ago, the County Cotton Growers' Association decided to build warehouses at Lancaster, Heath Springs and Kershaw, and it is in pursuance of that decision that steps are now being taken to erect a warehouse at this point.

As stated in an article on the subject in The News of the 4th instant, the capital stock of the Lancaster warehouse association is \$7,000., divided into 350 shares of \$20. each. When the books of subscription were opened Thursday morning of this week over 60 shares were taken in a very short time, and the remaining shares are being rapidly subscribed for by farmers as they come into town. No one is allowed to take over 5 shares. The idea is to let as many farmers as practicable take an interest in the enterprise.

There is no question about the fact that in the building of warehouses lies the solution of the cotton problem, and we are therefore pleased to note the strong interest being manifested by the farmers of Lancaster in the present movement. With warehouses established at convenient points, and intelligently and systematically managed, there will no longer be any necessity for glutting the cotton market and thereby depressing the price.

The Liberty Hill Rifles.

There will be an all-day drill to-day at Hilliards by the Liberty Hill Rifles, preparatory to official inspection of the company on the 19th instant. Capt. Richard earnestly requests that every member of his company attend both the drill and the inspection.

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We did fully as much business as we expected the first month, and, of course, expect to do more this month. We are still adding to our already nice stock of Fancy Groceries. Remember everything is nice and fresh in this line. Now, we want you to know that Osceola Flour is worth only \$2.40 the sack, and is not excelled at the price. Can we induce you to try this flour? Some 5 and 10 gallon kegs of Sugarhouse Molasses on hand—something good and guaranteed to keep. Will sell you Tobacco as cheap as the cheapest. In fact, you will find we have almost anything in an up to date grocery store at "let live prices." Highest market price paid for chickens, eggs and homeraised hams. A few Palmetto Cotton Seed Planters to go. Best made.

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H & H—Are quite in the ring,
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I—We will pass, as we are in haste,
And take up another to take its place.
J—Is a hustler, and if you give him a chance
Will do the business just at a glance.
L—With apples and oranges fine
Is pleased to wait on you any old time.
M—Is the bullet that has the power,
Their goods no object—money their power.
T—Is a new comer and looked upon with fear,
Everybody expects them to get their share.
Well, I am done, as W is the end—
Be sure to come to J. C. Edwards again.

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